

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. If Sinclair is going to blast Kerry with Stolen Honor, then they need to balance this by showing Fahrenheit 911.

Doesn't the FCC require a station to show both sides of an issue if they are going to claim that what they are showing is news? Sinclair is using the public airwaves--they need to be responsible to the community and what is fair for the public.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.